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SUBJ: ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE

1. I ASKED MINISTER OF STATE AZIZ AHMED YESTERDAY HOW THINGS WERE PROGRESSING ON THE ISLAMAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE. HE SAID IT WOULD BE HELD VERY CLOSE TO JANUARY 15 WITH TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS ON THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL PRECEEDING. WHEN I NOTED THAT THE DATE FOR BIG CONFERENCES SUCH AS THIS HAD A RATHER BUILT-IN TENDENCY OF POSTPONEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE WISHES OF ALL, HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT HAD ALMOST BEEN FIRMED UP ON THESE DATES, AND THAT THERE WERE REASONS WHY IT COULD NOT BE EXTENDED MUCH BEYOND.

2. THIS WAS THE TAIL-END OF QUITE A LONG DISCUSSION ON BILATERAL MATTERS AND FURTHER LONG DISCUSSION WAS CLEARLY NOT IN ORDER. I TOLD HIM I WISHED THE CONFERENCE WELL AND HOPED IT COULD BE IMPORTANT AND
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CONSTRUCTIVE. I NOTED, HOWEVER, A CONCERN AS BIG

CONFERENCES HAD A WAY OF NOT BEING QUITE CONTROLLABLE.
HE SAID FROM EXPERIENCE HE AGREED WITH THIS, BUT THEY
WERE TAKING ALL POSSIBLE PRELIMINARY PRECAUTIONS.
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